

REMARKS

In the Office Action of December 17, 2004, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(i) and(p) as being informal, claims 1, 3-7, 9-12 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 3,102,338 to Warriner ("Warriner"), claims 13 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by FR Patent 2,642,298 to Bagur et al. ("Bagur"), and claims 13-21 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bagur.

In the Office Action, claims 2 and 8 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter and were indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend. Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's recognition of the allowable subject matter.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants are (1) providing formal drawings, which are enclosed with this Amendment and Response; (2) amending independent claim 1 to incorporate all of the subject matter of claim 2, which was directly dependent on claim 1 and was indicated in the Office Action to contain allowable subject matter; (3) amending independent claim 7 to incorporate all of the subject matter of claim 8, which was directly dependent on claim 7 and was indicated in the Office Action to contain allowable subject matter; and (4) canceling claims 2, 8 and 13-21.

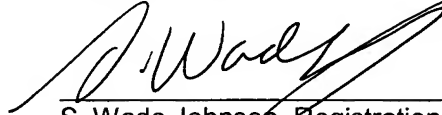
Since claims 1 and 3-6 each now incorporate all of the allowable subject matter of claim 2, and claims 7 and 9-12 each now incorporate all of the allowable subject matter of claim 8, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-6, 7 and 9-12 is respectfully requested.

The Applicant believes no fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please
contact the undersigned at (303) 629-3423.

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Respectfully submitted,

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